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Applicant: Abarra et al.)

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	30	20	10	\$18.00	\$ 180.00
Independent Claims	6	4	2	\$84.00	\$ 168.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	\$ -0-
Total Additional Fee					\$ 348.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$

(X) Amendment C and check for \$348.00 (additional claims).

(X) Terminal Disclaimer (with check for \$110.00)

(X) Request by Applicants for Interference with a Patent (with Appendixes A, B, C and D).

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

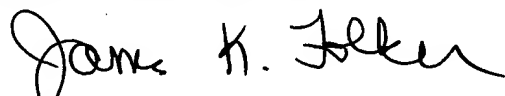
(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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REQUEST BY APPLICANTS
FOR INTERFERENCE WITH A PATENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607, Applicants request that an interference be
declared between the above-identified application and U.S. Patent No. 6,280,813. The
information required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a) is set forth below:

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE PATENT THAT INCLUDES
SUBJECT MATTER WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE APPLICATION

The patent that claims subject matter which interferes with subject matter ~~claimed in the present application~~ is United States Patent No. 6,280,813, which was issued on August 28, 2001 to Carey et al. for "Magnetic Recording Media with Antiferromagnetically Coupled Ferromagnetic Films as the Recording Layer" (hereinafter the "Carey et al. patent"). The Carey et al. patent was issued on application Serial No. 09/416,364, filed October 8, 1999. The face of the Carey et al. patent lists the Assignee as: International Business Machines Corporation.

II. PRESENTATION OF A PROPOSED COUNT

A proposed count is set forth in attached Appendix A. The proposed count is a phantom count including the subject matter of Claim 1 of the present application OR the subject matter of Claim 1 of the Carey et al. patent.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS OF THE CAREY ET AL.
PATENT THAT CORRESPOND TO THE PROPOSED COUNT

At least Claim 1 of the Carey et al. patent corresponds to the proposed count.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS OF THE PRESENT
APPLICATION THAT CORRESPOND TO THE PROPOSED COUNT

At least Claims 1 and 26 of the present invention are believed to correspond to the proposed count. Claim 1 corresponds exactly to the first portion of the proposed count (i.e., the section prior to the term “or”). Claim 26 substantially corresponds to the second portion of the proposed count (i.e., the section after the term “or”). Claim 26 was derived from Claim 1 of the Carey et al. patent. Attached as Appendix B is a claim chart that shows how the terms of Claim 26 of the present application correspond to the equivalent terms of Claim 1 of the Carey et al. patent.

V. APPLICATION OF THE TERMS OF NEW CLAIMS 26-36
TO THE DISCLOSURE OF THE PRESENT APPLICATION

Attached as Appendix C is a copy of newly added Claims 26-36 to which Applicants have added italicized index numbers and/or other appropriate descriptions to show where the features of Claims 26-36 can be found in the drawings and/or the written specification of the present invention.

VI. 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(1) IS SATISFIED

Since Claim 26 is being filed in the present application concurrently herewith, on August 19, 2002, which is less than one year after the August 28, 2001 issue date of the Carey et al. patent, the one-year requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(1) is clearly satisfied.

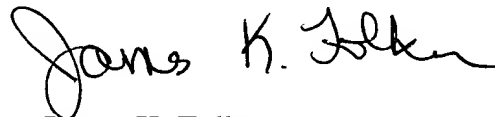
V. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared employing the proposed count set forth in attached Appendix A, with at least Claim 1 of the Carey et al. patent and at least Claims 1 and 26 of the present application designated as corresponding to the count. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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